Public Law 99-382
99th Congress

An Act

To amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 for the purpose of improving the availability of Japanese science and engineering literature in the United States, and for other purposes.

Aug. 14, 1986
[S. 1073]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Japanese Technical Literature Act of 1986".

Japanese Technical Literature Act of 1986.
Science and technology.
15 USC 3701 note.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3704) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(2) by inserting immediately after subsection (c) the following new subsection:

"(d) JAPANESE TECHNICAL LITERATURE.—(1) In addition to the duties specified in subsection (c), the Secretary shall establish and, through the National Technical Information Service and such other offices within the Department of Commerce as the Secretary considers appropriate, maintain a program (including an office in Japan) which shall, on a continuing basis—

"(A) monitor Japanese technical activities and developments;

"(B) consult with businesses, professional societies, and libraries in the United States regarding their needs for information on Japanese developments in technology and engineering;

"(C) acquire and translate selected Japanese technical reports and documents that may be of value to agencies and departments of the Federal Government, and to businesses and researchers in the United States; and

"(D) coordinate with other agencies and departments of the Federal Government to identify significant gaps and avoid duplication in efforts by the Federal Government to acquire, translate, index, and disseminate Japanese technical information.

Activities undertaken pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall only be performed on a cost-reimbursable basis. Translations referred to in such subparagraph shall be performed only to the extent that they are not otherwise available from sources within the private sector in the United States.

Reports.
Contracts.

"(2) Beginning in 1986, the Secretary shall prepare annual reports regarding important Japanese scientific discoveries and technical innovations in such areas as computers, semiconductors, biotechnology, and robotics and manufacturing. In preparing such reports, the Secretary shall consult with professional societies and businesses in the United States. The Secretary may, to the extent provided in advance by appropriation Acts, contract with private organizations to acquire and translate Japanese scientific and technical information relevant to the preparation of such reports.

"(3) The Secretary also shall encourage professional societies and private businesses in the United States to increase their efforts to

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acquire, screen, translate, and disseminate Japanese technical literature.

Public information.

"(4) In addition, the Secretary shall compile, publish, and disseminate an annual directory which lists—

"(A) all programs and services in the United States that collect, abstract, translate, and distribute Japanese scientific and technical information; and

"(B) all translations of Japanese technical documents performed by agencies and departments of the Federal Government in the preceding 12 months that are available to the public.

Reports.

"(5) The Secretary shall transmit to the Congress, within 1 year after the date of enactment of the Japanese Technical Literature Act of 1986, a report on the activities of the Federal Government to collect, abstract, translate, and distribute declassified Japanese scientific and technical information.".

Appropriations authorization.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1987 the sum of $1,000,000 to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Approved August 14, 1986.

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